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> RAMON J. HIRSIG Executive Director No. 2004/022

TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

<u>RAMON J. HIRSIG,</u> NEWLY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Ramon (Ray) J. Hirsig, a 27-year Board of Equalization employee, was appointed by the Members of the Board to serve as the Executive Director, effective April 1, 2004.

Ray began his state service in 1977 as an auditor in the Board's Van Nuys District. Through the years, Ray progressed to various supervisory positions as Chief of the Technical Support and Analysis Division in the Sales and Use Tax Department, the Chief of the Valuation Division in the Property Taxes Department, and then on to the Chief of Field Operations in the Sales and Use Tax Department. In March 2000, Ray was appointed Deputy Director of the Sales and Use Tax Department overseeing a staff of approximately 2,500 employees.

Ray's education includes a B.A. degree in Political Science, a B.S. degree in Accounting, and an M.B.A. degree in Business Administration from Cal Poly, Pomona. Prior to Ray's career with the state, he served as a U.S. Air Force Captain and was a B-52 bomber pilot.

Please join with the Board Members and staff in extending best wishes to Ray as he accepts the responsibility accompanying this appointment.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mickie Stuckey for

David J. Gau Deputy Director Property and Special Taxes Department

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